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1. SOVIET LEAKS ON ENMOD BILATERALS (REFS A AND B) HAVE APPARENTLY OCCURRED AS PREDICTED IN REF C, MAKING IT ADVISABLE TO BRIEF ALLIES MORE FULLY ON STATE OF DISCUSSION. PLEASE CONVEY INFORMATION CONTAINED IN PARA 2 TO ALLIED

DELS. YOU SHOULD INDICATE THAT COURSE AND PACE OF FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS ARE DIFFICULT TO PREDICT, BUT THAT U.S. WILL PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE.

2. FOLLOWING INFORMATION SHOULD BE PROVIDED ORALLY TO ALLIED DELS: (A) AS WE PREVIOUSLY INFORMED ALLIES, THE THIRD ROUND OF US-USSR CONSULTATIONS ON ENVIRONMENTAL WARFARE RESTRAINTS TOOK PLACE IN GENEVA DURING THE WEEK OF JUNE 16-20. THE CONSULTATIONS WERE PURSUANT TO THE US-USSR JOINT STATEMENT FROM THE 1974 MOSCOW SUMMIT, IN WHICH THE TWO SIDES AGREED TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF A JOINT APPROACH TO OVERCOMING THE DANGERS OF USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION TECHNIQUES FOR MILITARY PURPOSES. THE PRINCIPAL US OBJECTIVE IN THE THIRD ROUND

WAS TO CONTINUE TO NARROW THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE US AND SOVIET APPROACHES.

(B) THE US PRESENTED A REVISED DRAFT TREATY TO THE USSR, AS WE HAD PREVIOUSLY INFORMED OUR ALLIES WE WOULD DO. UNEXPECTEDLY, THE SOVIETS ALTERED THEIR PREVIOUS POSITION TO THE EXTENT THAT IT PROVED POSSIBLE TO WORK OUT AN ILLUSTRATIVE TREATY TEXT AD REFERENDUM. THIS TEXT REFLECTED SOVIET ACCEPTANCE OF THE BASIC US POSITION THAT RESTRAINTS SHOULD APPLY ONLY TO TECHNIQUES HAVING WIDESPREAD, LONG-LASTING, OR SEVERE EFFECTS, AND SHOULD NOT COVER R & D. IN MOST RESPECTS, THE ILLUSTRATIVE TEXT RESEMBLED THE US DRAFT PREVIOUSLY GIVEN TO ALLIES, BUT ALSO REFLECTS US ACCEPTANCE OF SOME SPECIFIC SOVIET POINTS.

(C) THE ILLUSTRATIVE TEXT HAS NOW BEEN REVIEWED BY THE US GOVERNMENT. AS A RESULT, SEVERAL CHANGES HAVE BEEN PROPOSED TO THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT. THESE CHANGES ARE INTENDED TO CLARIFY CERTAIN AMBIGUITIES THAT HAD BEEN REVEALED IN THE COURSE OF THE REVIEW. IN THE US VIEW, CONFIDENTIAL

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THE CHANGES DO NOT AFFECT THE SUBSTANCE OF THE TEXT.

(D) SO FAR, NO SOVIET RESPONSE ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES HAS BEEN RECEIVED. WE ARE NOT CURRENTLY PLANNING TO PRESENT A TREATY PROPOSAL DURING THE EXPERTS' MEETING BUT SOVIET ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSED CHANGES COULD, OF COURSE, LEAD TO A CHANGE IN THIS SITUATION.

3. FOR NATO: WHILE WE AGREE THAT FURTHER BRIEFING ON ENMOD IS IN ORDER, WE BELIEVE IT PREMATURE TO RAISE CW ISSUES. GUIDANCE CONTAINED REF D, PARA 4 IS REAFFIRMED. INGERSOLL

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